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measures printed for immediate distribution, and recommended to them that a city health officer be appointed.

I drove over the main portion of the town to-day, and from the superficial observation I conclude that the town is in better sanitary condition than it was a month ago, but there is still room for a great deal of improvement.

I shall return to San Diego to-morrow morning, and there await further orders.

Certificates of deaths as reported to county clerk of Nueces County, Tex., for period May, 1903, to July, 1904.

1903:		1904:	
May	4	January	4
June	0	February	1
July	2	March	9
August	6	April	4
September	4	May	5
October	6	June	1
November	2	July	8
December	8		
Total	32	Total	32

Certificates are classified as to causes as follows:

Typhoid	1
Malaria	4
Heart failure	5
Various diseases	54
Total	64

Sanitary conditions at Alice and Kingsville.

SAN DIEGO, TEX., *August 9, 1904.*

Everything in a sanitary way is improving in this section. Alice is cleaning up, and although there are some cases of fever they are diminishing.

Corpus Christi has had an increase in the number of fever cases the past two weeks, but the citizens are making better efforts to clean up the town.

Some cases of malaria are reported at Kingsville, but general conditions are favorable there.

I shall go to Hebbronville and report on conditions at that point.

Mosquitoes are numerous in this section, but the people are making free use of oil, with good results.

Inspection of ranches on lower Rio Grande.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Cock reports, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson, as follows:

HIDALGO, TEX., *August 2, 1904.*

My first inspection after leaving Rio Grande City was the Garcias ranch, population about 400. I found some malarial fever prevailing here. The citizens claim that last fall they had quite an epidemic of dengue.